

Cedar River Anadromous Fish Committee

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2002

Meeting Time 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Meeting Location:

Metering Building, Second Floor Conference Room

SPU Operations Control Center

2700 Airport Way South

Seattle, WA

Members and Alternates Present: Bruce Bachen (SPU), Steve Foley (WDFW), Dennis Moore (Muckleshoot Tribe), Sam Wright (WA Trout), Nick Gayeski (WA Trout), Bill Robinson (Trout Unlimited), Frank Urabeck (NW Marine Trade Association), and Tim Romanski (USFWS)

Other Participants: Chuck Johnson (WDFW), Joan Thomas (WDFW), Brodie Antipa (WDFW), John McGlenn (Tetra Tech/KCM), and Paul Faulds (SPU)

I. Call to order

Bruce called the meeting together at 9:15 AM

II. Approval of agenda

Predation was added as a potential discussion item.

III. Minutes review and approval for March 14, 2002 & March 21, 2002 meetings

Members requested a number of changes to both sets of minutes and agreed to review the revised minutes at the next meeting in May.

IV. Landsburg fish passage update

Bruce informed the AFC that the only remaining permitting issues were the final issuance of the KC DDES Commercial Building permit and completion of a Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers concerning site historic and cultural preservation. The Natt McDougall Company will start mobilization to the site near the end of April to set up field offices. Project construction activities should begin the first of June and instream work would begin in early July, subject to stream flows being low enough to allow construction activity. Bruce reported that the final design plans were approved by the Parties to the LMA and passed out copies of a memorandum that documents their decision.

V. Interim mitigation program for coho, chinook and steelhead

Members participated in a planning exercise that identified high priority project areas for future interim mitigation measures. Each member cast three votes per category.

- A. Genetic analysis of steelhead and rainbow populations in the Cedar River and Green River, steelhead population estimate above and below the Landsburg Dam, steelhead life history estimates, and residualization of steelhead in Lake Washington (note: this section combined a number of research projects from the earlier draft)
 - 1. *City of Seattle*
 - 2. *Muckleshoot Tribe*
 - 3. *United States Fish and Wildlife Service*
 - 4. *Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife*
 - 5. *Trout Unlimited*
- B. Cedar River limiting factors analyses for coho, chinook and ***steelhead** including life history analyses and literature review of current research.
 - 1. *Muckleshoot Tribe*
 - 2. *Northwest Marine Trade Association*
 - 3. *Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife*
 - 4. *Trout Unlimited*
- C. Adult coho colonization above the Landsburg Dam in 2002
 - 1. *City of Seattle*
- D. Predation in the Cedar River
 - 1. *United States Fish and Wildlife Service*
 - 2. *Northwest Marine Trade Association*
- E. Rebuilding the steelhead run
 - 1. *Muckleshoot Tribe*
 - 2. *Northwest Marine Trade Association*
 - 3. *Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife*
 - 4. *Trout Unlimited*
- F. Evaluation of fish passage (note: this section was added)
 - 1. *City of Seattle*
 - 2. *United States Fish and Wildlife Service*

Tim asked that National Marine Fisheries Service, Puget Sound Anglers, and King County be provided an opportunity to participate. Bruce indicated that there would be another opportunity at the next meeting to confirm support of these options.

VI. Cedar River sockeye hatchery program

Bruce opened this agenda item by addressing how and why the Cedar River HCP included fry production rather than smolt production and how the EIS development has centered on that approach. He explained that changing course or significantly altering the hatchery design for smolt production would prove to costly given the amount of work already done, could conflict with the Landsburg Mitigation Agreement. More discussion followed concerning the benefits and problems associated using an extended rearing strategy to produce marked juveniles that could be selectively harvested as these fish

return as adults. Members participated in a brief discussion of hatchery production goals and the EIS development.

VII. Public comment (scheduled for 11:30)

There were no public comments.

VIII. Information and discussion items

Chuck mentioned that the hatchery had three small adult steelhead (two females and one male).

A. Review status of monitoring contracts and reports

There was not adequate time to discuss this item.

B. Lake Washington monitoring work in 2002

There was not adequate time to discuss this item.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.